

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

EQC Public Forum
July 26, 2000
Room 113, Capitol Annex, Frankfort

The Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) held a public forum on July 26, 2000 at 1:00 at the Capitol Annex in Frankfort, Kentucky. Commissioners present were Chair Aloma Dew, Vice-Chair Betsy Bennett, Serena Williams, and Bob Riddle. EQC staff present was Acting Director Scott Richards and Erik Siegel. There were approximately 10 people in attendance.

Chair Aloma Dew introduced Diana Andrews and Lona Brewer from the Division of Air Quality. Ms. Brewer gave an overview of 401 KAR 51:200 Regional NOx emission requirements. After discussion, Betsy Bennett made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed regional NOx Emission Regulation. Serena Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed on voice vote.

Ms. Brewer and Ms. Andrews gave the EQC a brief discussion on impending issues in the Division of Air Quality. The three major issues that Kentucky needs to address are: the 8-hour ozone standard, PM 2.5 Standard, and NOx SIP Call.

- The 8-hour ozone standard is still under court review. The Supreme Court will hear the U. S. EPA's appeal and make a decision on that appeal in 2001. In the meantime, states are required to submit their proposed nonattainment designations to the U.S. EPA. Kentucky has submitted its proposed designations for nonattainment areas under the 8-hour standard in a letter dated June 12, signed by Governor Paul Patton.
- The PM 2.5 Standard must have three years of monitoring. The PM 2.5 monitoring stations were not in place when the standard was developed. Monitoring will need to be done for three years before areas can be designated as attaining or non-attaining the PM 2.5 monitoring.
- The NOx SIP Call is the U.S EPA's way of addressing continuing violations of the one-hour ozone standard requiring massive nitrogen oxide reductions from utilities, major boilers, cement kilns, and combustion engines. Kentucky's NOx emissions would drop about 36 percent under these rules.

Under other business, Ms. Kirchhoff noted that EQC has spent 100 percent of its General Fund budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. The total income from the sale of the State of Kentucky's Environment reports was \$2,437.30. The budget for the 2000 -2001 fiscal year will be \$273,600.

Scott Richards gave information to the Commissioners from the Long-Term Policy and Research Center concerning nominations for the Vic Hellard, Jr. award. Nominees for this award can be individuals from the public or private sector who have provided sound example and leadership that is likely to result in measurable or significant progress toward those goals envisioned by Kentuckians as set forth in Center publications focusing on Kentucky's future. Written nominations must be submitted by September 29, 2000 to Dan Hall, Chair, Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Signed

Date